(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Saraigarh-Bhapatiyahi-Nirmli rail line

†1316. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a provision of necessary fund was made in the Budget for the years 2003-04 and 2004-05 for new broad gauge rail line upto Saraigarh-Bhapatiyahi-Nirmli and two kilometre long Kosi bridge in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that the provision for the outlay of about Rs. 30 crore was also made in the budget for the year of 2006-07 for the above work; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) The work of construction of Kosi bridge along with linked lines has been taken up at an anticipated cost of Rs. 341.41 crore. Final location survey, geo-technical investigation and hydraulic model study has been completed. Land acquisition, earthwork and substructure work of main bridge has been taken up.

Dhauladhar Express

1317. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dhauladhar Express from Delhi to Jammuu *via* Chakki has recently been started on the request of people of the Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any seats in all classes have been reserved exclusively for people of the Himachal Pradesh who are to travel by this train; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, whether Government would accede to the request of people of the Himachal Pradesh for receiving at least some seats for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 4035/4036 Dhauladhar Express was introduced on 25.12.2002 as a tri-weekly train between Delhi and Pathankot.

(b) and (c) All the reserved accommodation available in train No. 4035/4036 Dhauladhar Express is freely available for booking through computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS), which can be booked by the people of Himachal Pradesh, also on first come first served basis.

Palace on Wheels

1318. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of the Railways to start second version of the 'Palace on Wheels' in collaboration with the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the new venture is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is proposal to start a second Palace on Wheels in collaboration with the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC). The train is to run on the same sector as in the existing Palace on Wheels. The State Government of Rajasthan has agreed to share the capital cost of the train, with the Railways. No timeframe has been set for the launching of the train.

Sick SSIs in Orissa

1319. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
MISS PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick Small Scale Industries in Orissa as on March, 2006;

(b) the number of Small Scale Industries revived under the different schemes of Government till 2005-06;